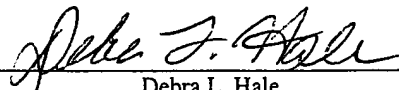


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Paper No. 15, please amend the above application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 3.